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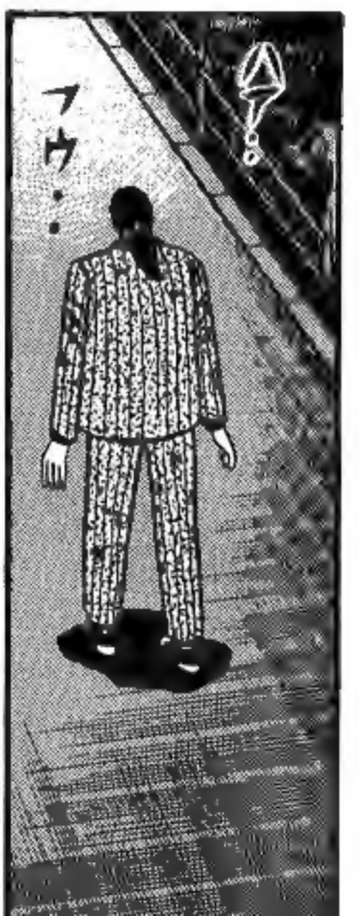
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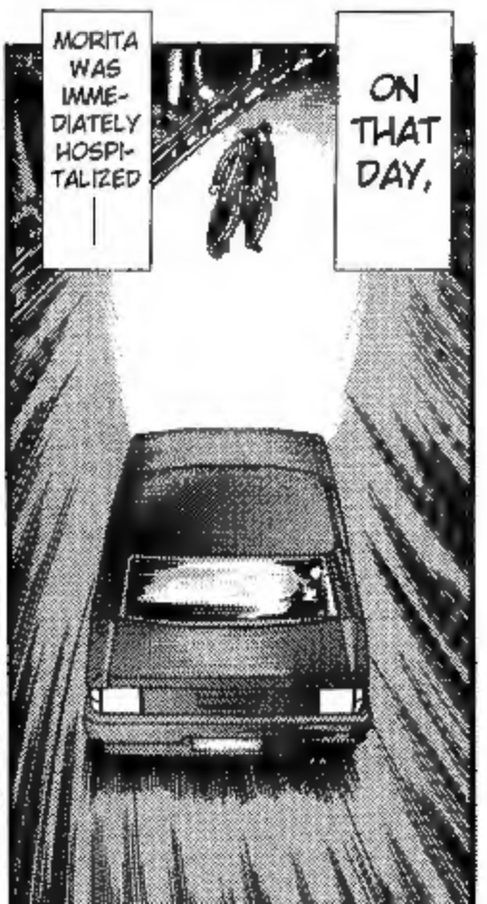
第89話
THE LONELINESS OF THE VILLAIN OF THE UNDERWORLD

MORITA'S FIGHT IS NOW, FINALLY, OVER.

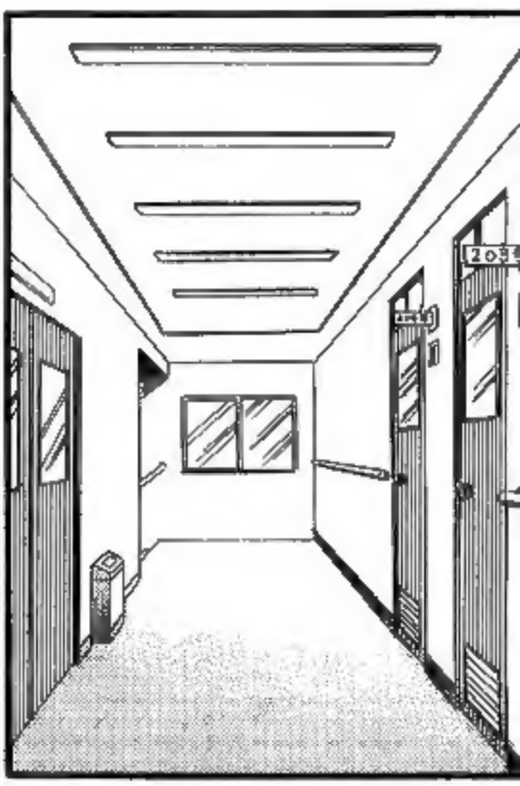
THIS NIGHT OF SLAUGHTER AND MADNESS

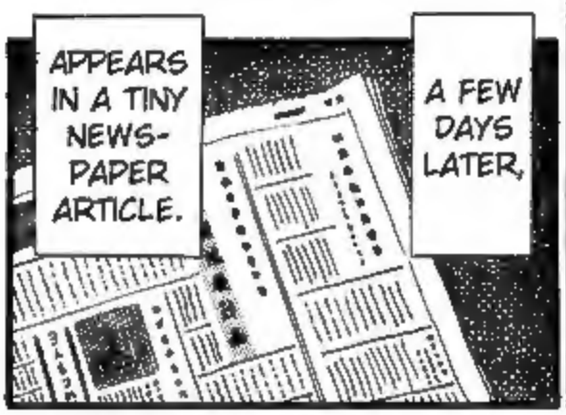
HE WAS MOVED TO A HOSPITAL IN TOKYO,
A FEW DAYS LATER,
THAT WAS BACKED BY GINJI


MORITA WAS IMME-DIATELY HOSPI-TALIZED
ON THAT DAY,

木村病院

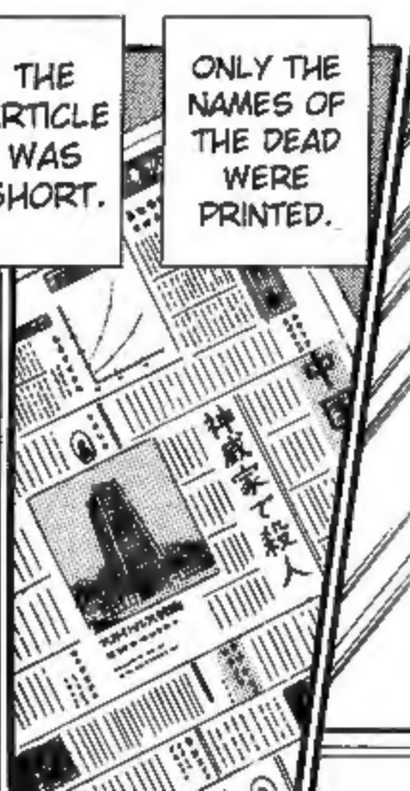
THE TRAGEDY OF THAT NIGHT,



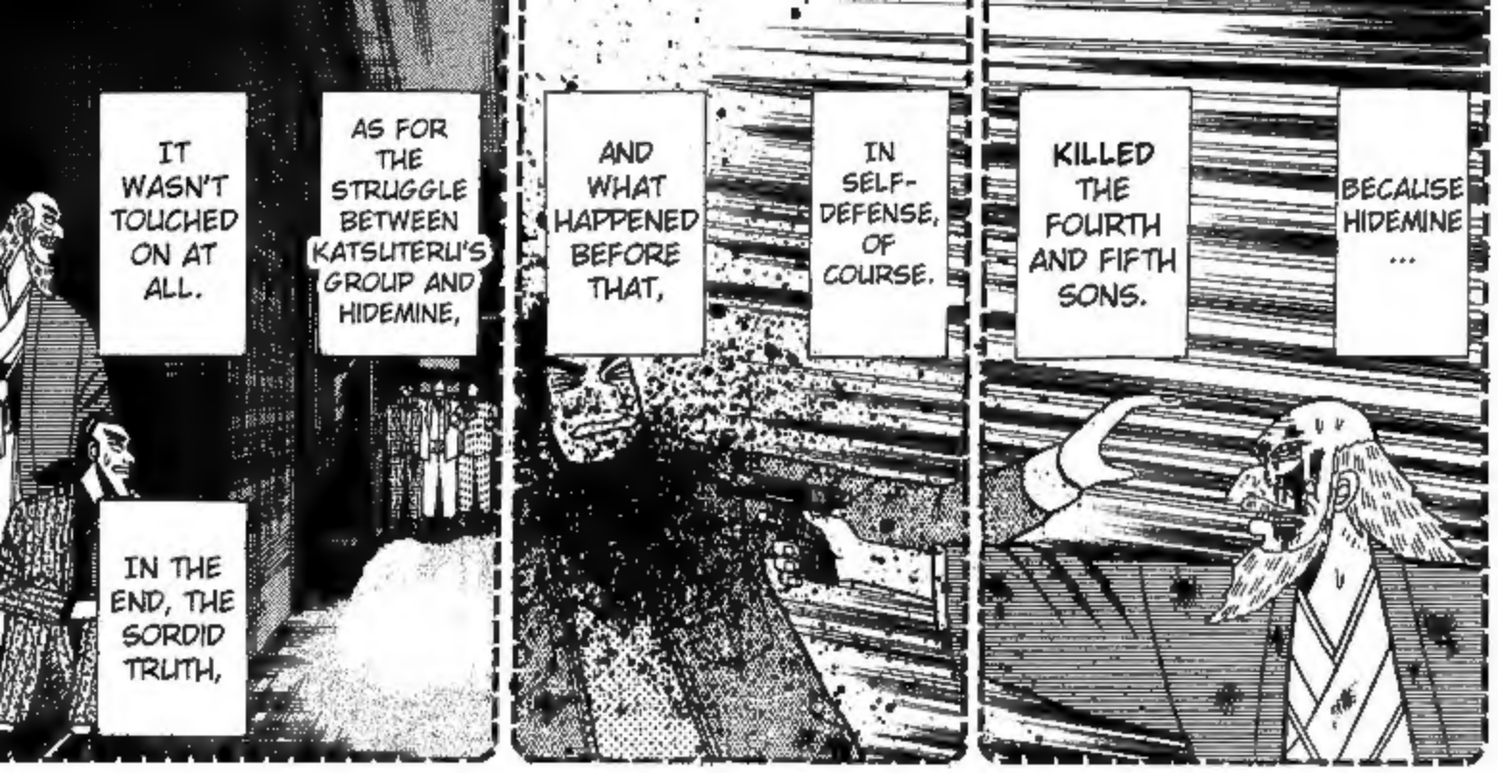

APPEARS IN A TINY NEWS-PAPER ARTICLE.
A FEW DAYS LATER,

THE RAMPAGE OF THE FOURTH AND FIFTH SONS ON THAT NIGHT,
WAS BROUGHT TO AN END.

READING IT,


THE ARTICLE WAS SHORT.
ONLY THE NAMES OF THE DEAD WERE PRINTED.

"KAMUI" PROBABLY PULLED SOME STRINGS IN SECRET.


IT WASN'T TOUCHED ON AT ALL.
AS FOR THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN KATSUTERU'S GROUP AND HIDEMINE,
IN THE END, THE SORDID TRUTH,
AND WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE THAT,
IN SELF-DEFENSE, OF COURSE.
KILLED THE FOURTH AND FIFTH SONS.
BECAUSE HIDEMINE ...

NOW THAT IT'S OVER, IT ALL SEEMS LIKE A DREAM.
OR MAYBE RIGHT NOW... THIS IS A DREAM...?
WHAT HAPPENED ON THAT NIGHT...?
Ooo
.....
Ooo
IS PLUNGED IN DARK-NESS ...

.....
...COME IN...
KNOCK *KNOCK*

MORITA, COVERED IN INJURIES
YO ...
THIS IS THE MORITA THAT GINJI AND CO. VISITED IN THE HOSPITAL.
RETURNING TO THE TOKYO HOSPITAL ON THE SECOND DAY,
GINJI AND MORITA MEET,
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A MONTH.
IT'S BEEN TOUGH, HUH ...
AH, WELL ...
WELL... IT'S GOOD TO TAKE YOUR TIME AND REST.
WAIT FOR YOUR WOUNDS TO HEAL.
IT'S FINE IF YOU HAVE A GRADUAL RETURN.
NO NEED TO RUSH IT.
RIGHT ...

...GIN-SAN...

NN...?

I THINK I'M GOING TO QUIT.

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YEAH ...
...QUIT...?
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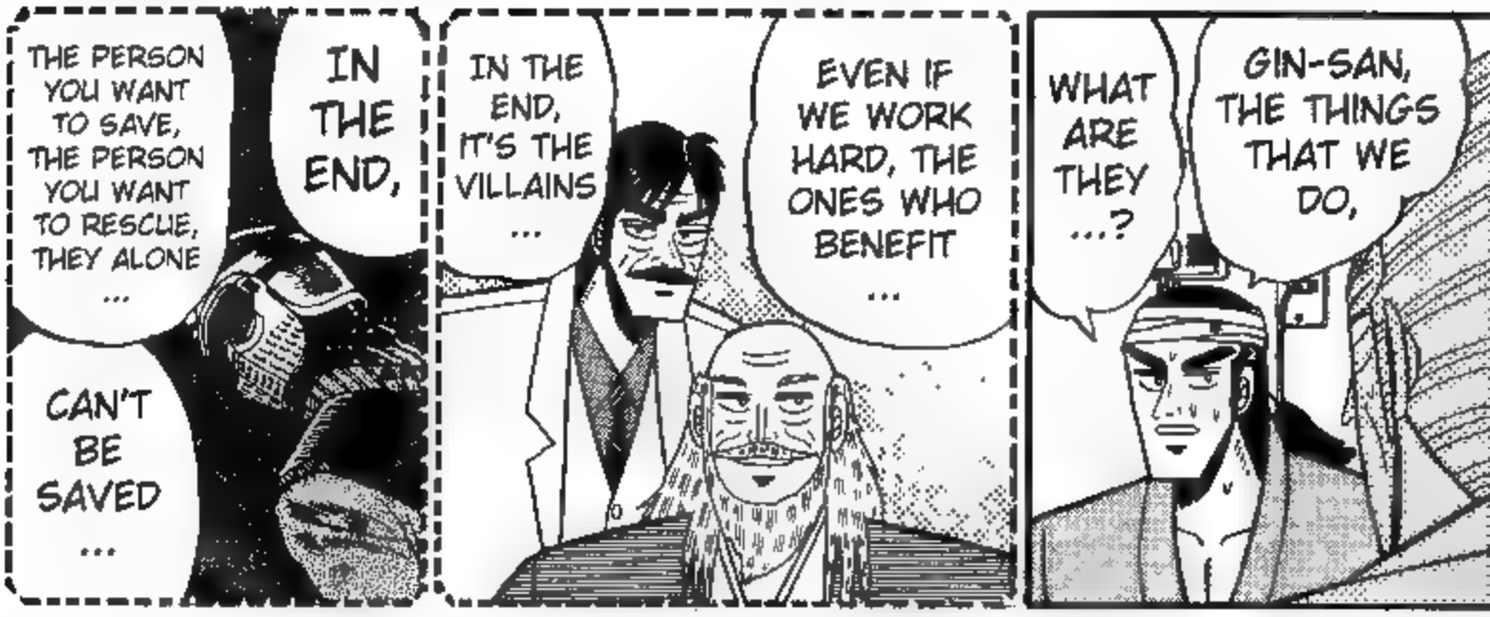
ざわ・・

I MEAN THAT I'M RETIRING...!
I'M WASHING MY HANDS OF IT ...
THIS BUSI-NESS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT...?

WH
...
DON'T SAY SOMETHING SO RECKLESS...!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...!?
YOU IDIOT...!
WITH YOUR TALENT,
RATHER THAN THAT, PLANT YOURSELF FIRMLY IN THIS WORLD...!
YOU CAN EARN AS MUCH AS YOU WANT..!
IDIOT...!
IF YOU QUIT, THEN WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO...!?

THIS IS NOT A FLEETING EMOTION ...!
YASUDA-SAN ...
DON'T SAY THINGS BASED ON FLEETING EMOTIONS...!
AM I WRONG ...?
THAT'S THE PATH OF A MAN...!
WHA...!
YASUDA ...
THESE ARE MORITA'S REAL FEELINGS.
IS NOT ACTING ON A MERE WHIM.
THIS GUY, ...IT LOOKS LIKE
CALM DOWN ...
OF COURSE HE'D WANT TO QUIT.
OF COURSE HE'D BE AFRAID.
BECAUSE THIS TIME,
IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, IT MAKES SENSE.
ONCE AGAIN, HE CAME CLOSE TO DEATH ...
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT...?
.....?
IT ISN'T LIKE THAT.
NO ...

HELPING EVIL PEOPLE HAS BECOME UNBEAR-ABLE TO ME.
IN SHORT,
THEN WHAT...?
WHY WASH YOUR HANDS OF IT...?


THE PERSON YOU WANT TO SAVE, THE PERSON YOU WANT TO RESCUE, THEY ALONE ...
IN THE END,
CAN'T BE SAVED ...
IN THE END, IT'S THE VILLAINS ...
EVEN IF WE WORK HARD, THE ONES WHO BENEFIT ...
WHAT ARE THEY ...?
GIN-SAN, THE THINGS THAT WE DO,

Y...
AREN'T YOU JUST BEING USED...?
IN THE END, IT WILL SURROUND YOU.
IT'S NO DIFFERENT FOR YOU, GIN-SAN.
FOR YOU ALSO, THERE'S A BIGGER EVIL BEYOND YOU.

YOU DUMB-ASS...!

NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF BIG OPPONENT IT IS, WE HAVE THE WILLPOWER TO DEAL IT BACK TO THEM...!
THERE'S NO WAY WE'RE GONNA BE USED FOREVER...!
THOUGH YOU SAY THAT,
DON'T BE SO CHEEKY...!

THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, RIGHT...!?
WE ONLY CHASE AFTER WHAT'S RIGHT IN FRONT OF US ...
MORON...!
THAT'S THE KIND OF WILLPOWER WE HAVE...!
WE'LL HUNT THEM ONCE THEY'VE FATTENED...!
THOSE PIGS ...
WE WON'T LET GO OF THAT PRIDE...!

FOR MYSELF, ANYWAY ...
IT'S JUST ...
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE ...
I APOLO-GIZE IF I SAID TOO MUCH.
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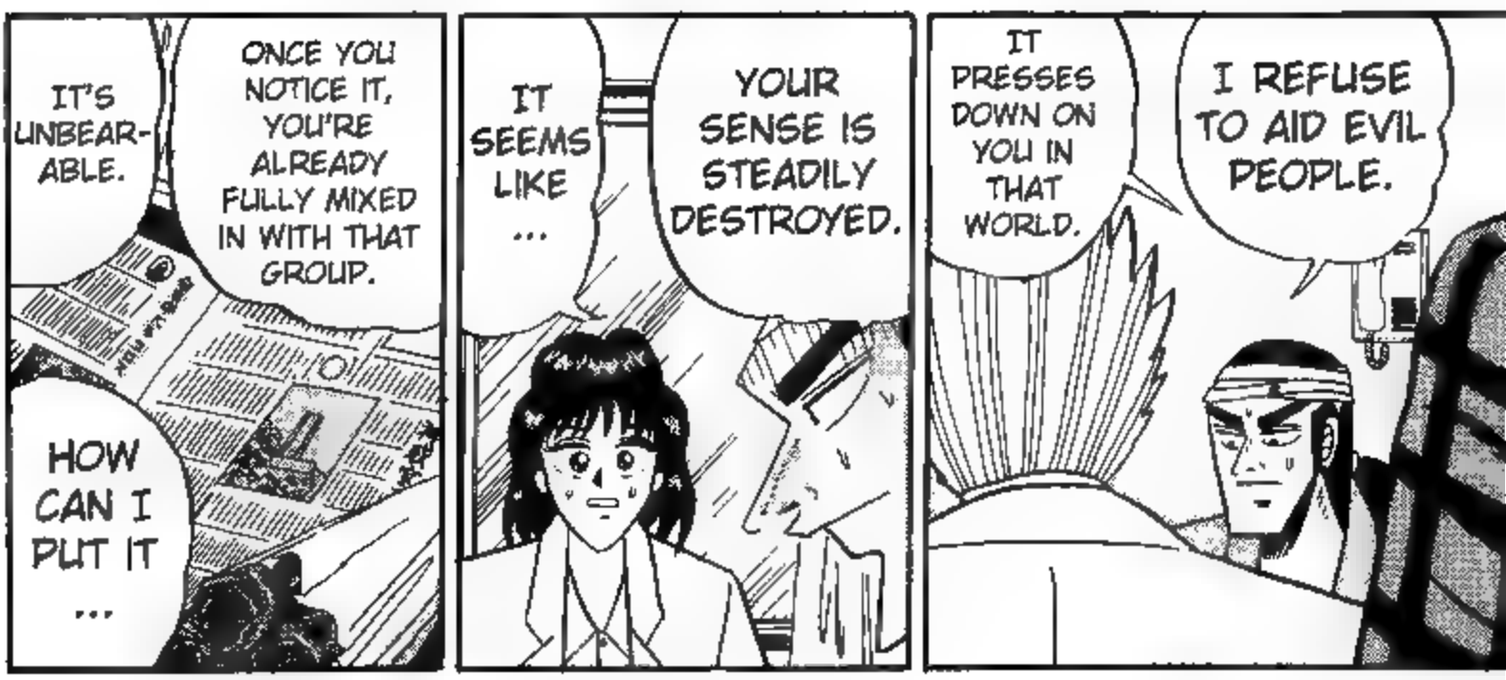
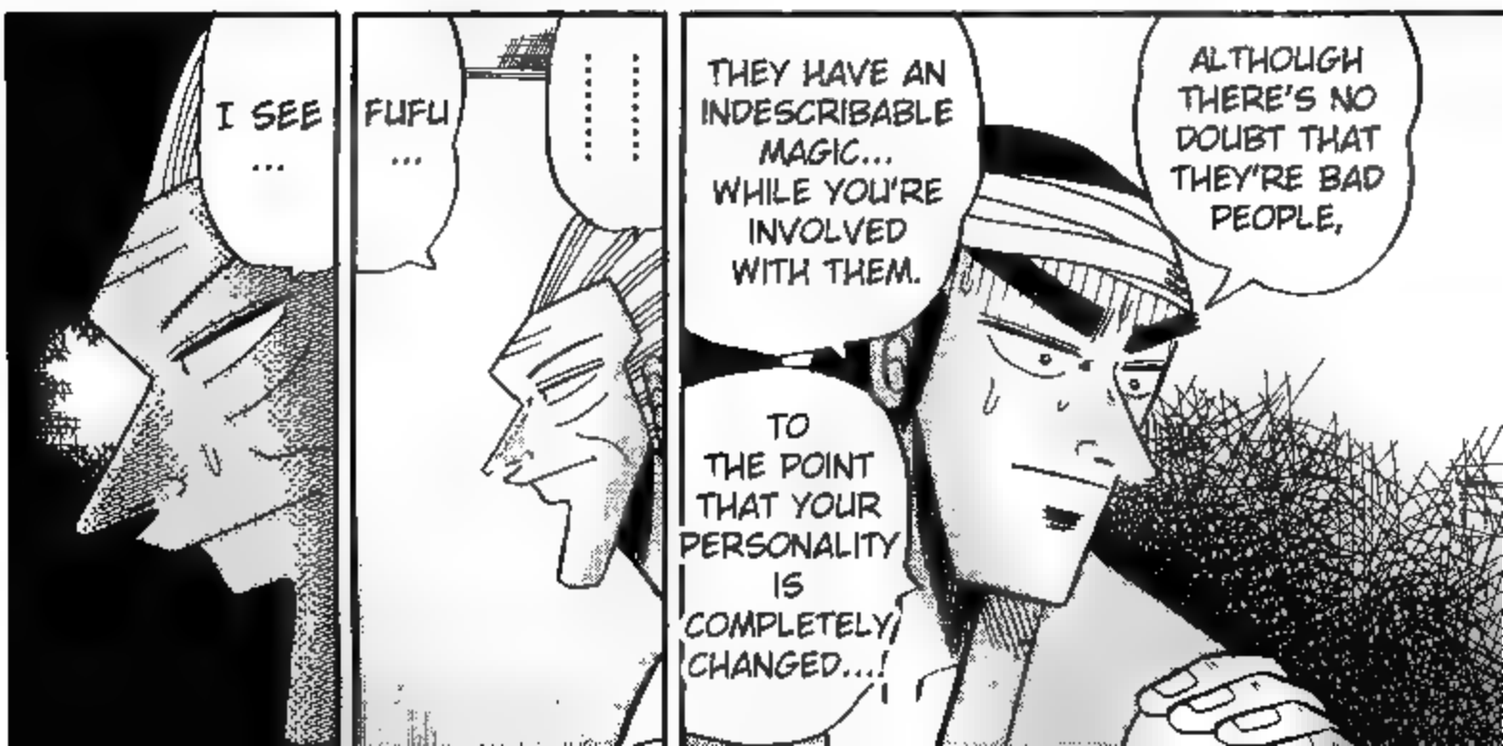
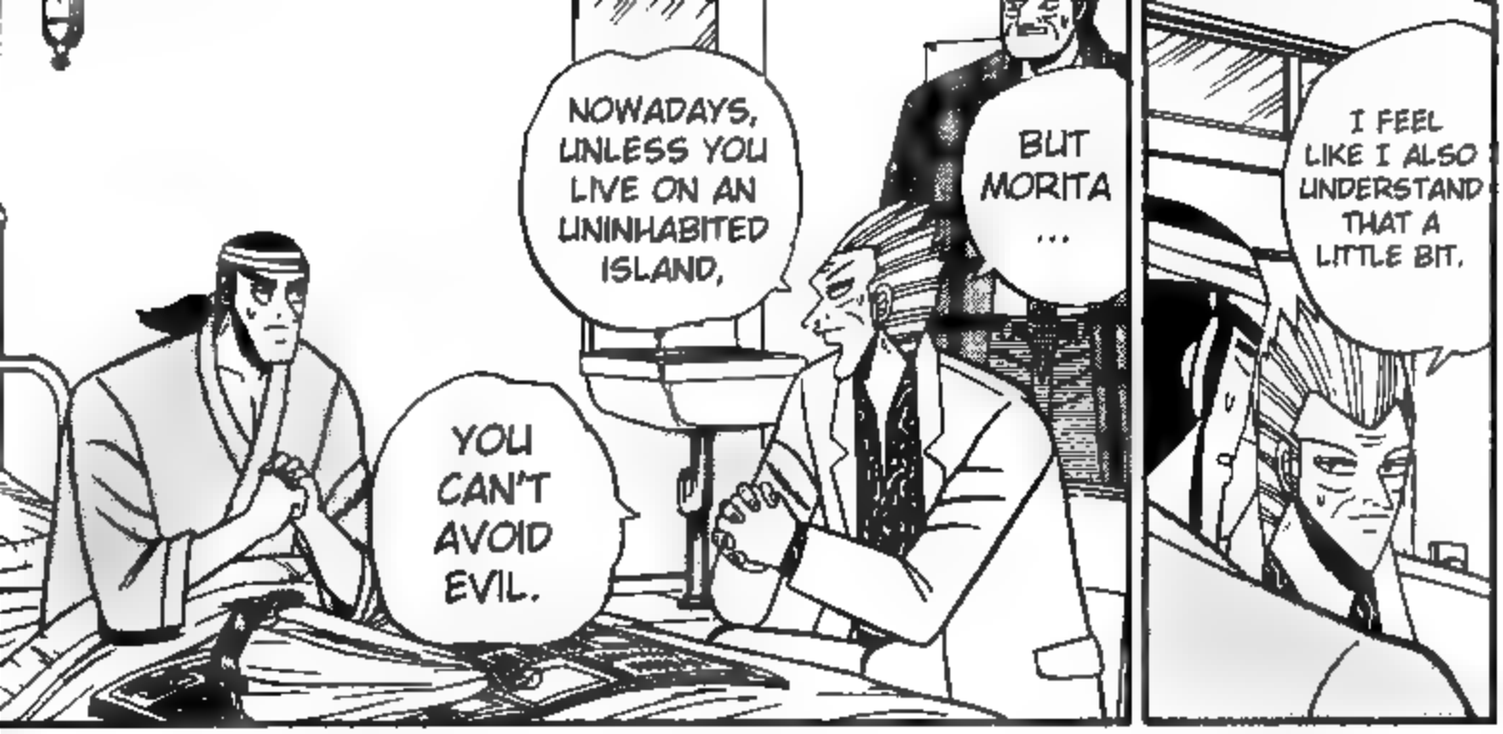

IT'S UNBEAR-ABLE.
ONCE YOU NOTICE IT, YOU'RE ALREADY FULLY MIXED IN WITH THAT GROUP.
HOW CAN I PUT IT ...
IT SEEMS LIKE ...
YOUR SENSE IS STEADILY DESTROYED.
IT PRESSES DOWN ON YOU IN THAT WORLD.
I REFUSE TO AID EVIL PEOPLE.


I SEE ...
FUFU ...
.....
THEY HAVE AN INDESCRIBABLE MAGIC... WHILE YOU'RE INVOLVED WITH THEM.
TO THE POINT THAT YOUR PERSONALITY IS COMPLETELY CHANGED...!
ALTHOUGH THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THEY'RE BAD PEOPLE,

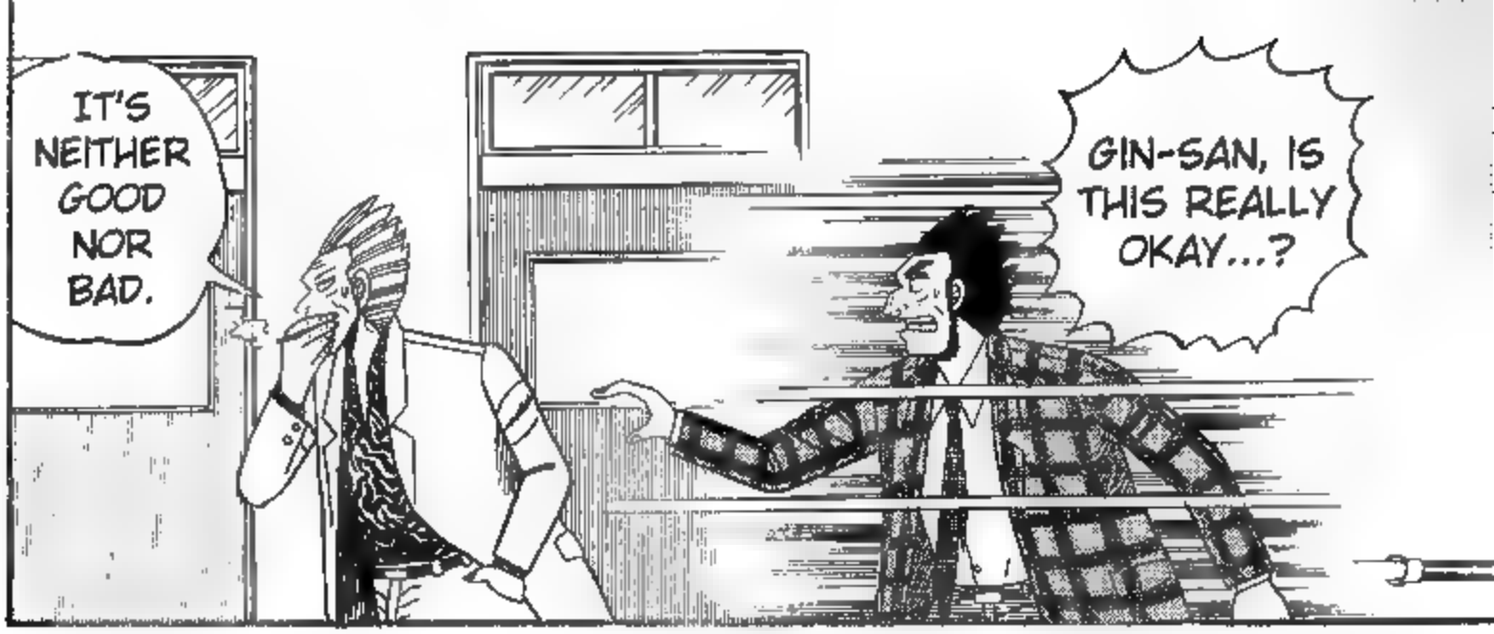

NOWADAYS, UNLESS YOU LIVE ON AN UNINHABITED ISLAND,
BUT MORITA ...
I FEEL LIKE I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT A LITTLE BIT.
YOU CAN'T AVOID EVIL.

YOU'LL BE SUBJECT TO THE INFLUENCE OF A VILLAIN.
IF YOU ASSOCIATE WITH ANYONE AT ALL,
YOU'LL BECOME COMPLICIT IN EVIL NO MATTER WHAT SIDE YOU'RE ON.
NO MATTER WHERE YOU FALL,
EVIL IS THE WAY OF THE WORLD ...

WATER ALWAYS FLOWS FROM HIGH TO LOW.
IT'S UNAVOID-ABLE.
IT'S INEVIT-ABLE.
IF YOU LOOK AT THEM FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF A VILLAIN, THEY'RE NOTHING BUT "PREY"
SOME-THING LIKE A GROUP OF GOOD PEOPLE.
NATURALLY, THEY'RE TAKEN IN ...
YOU SAY YOU WANT TO SAVE PEOPLE,

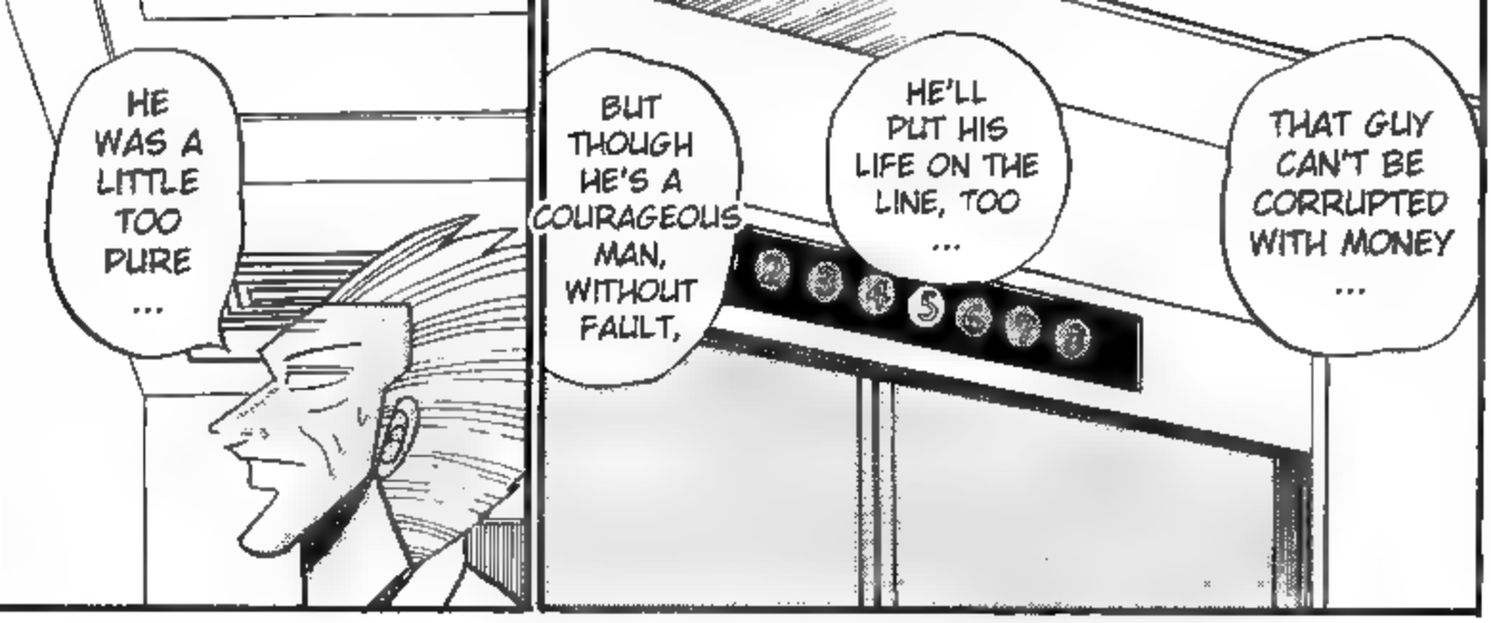
CAN NEVER DEFEAT EVIL.
THOSE WHO DO GOOD,
EVEN IF YOU WERE TO OPPOSE THEM,
AT LEAST,
NO ONE CAN DEFEAT A VILLAIN.
IN THE END,
.....
A NEW VILLAIN... A CHANGE OF ERAS ...
IT WOULD BE, IN SHORT, EVEN MORE EVIL ...
IF THERE WAS SOMETHING THAT COULD OBLITERATE EVIL,
IF THERE WAS ...
TO BECOME A GREAT EVIL...!
YOU'D BETTER RUN AS FAST AS YOU CAN ...
SO, BY SAYING YOU'LL HELP SOMEONE ...
IF YOU WANT TO PLAY FAVORITES ...
.....

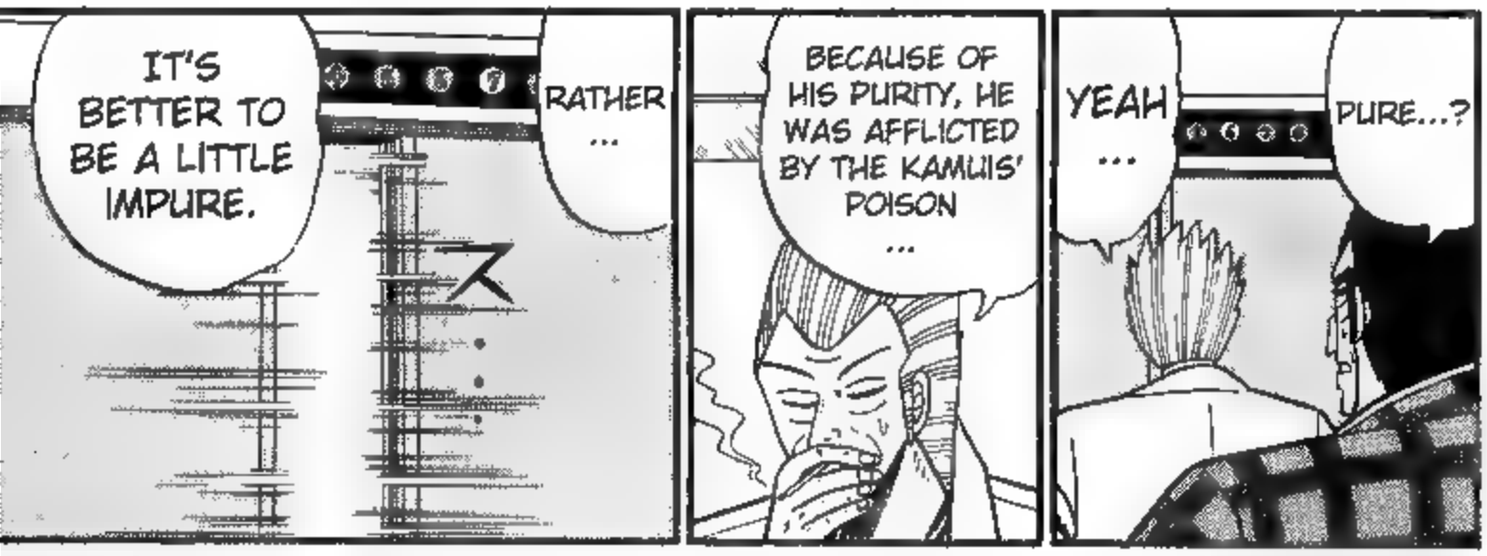
QUIETLY SHOOK HIS HEAD.
MORITA,
NEVER-, THELESS


IT'S NEITHER GOOD NOR BAD.
GIN-SAN, IS THIS REALLY OKAY...?

IT'S TOO MUCH ...
IT'S JUST TOO BAD...!
GIN-SAN ...
IT'S TOO LATE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
MORITA HAS ALREADY MADE UP HIS MIND.

THAT HE WOULD BECOME LIKE THIS.
THE SIGNS WERE THERE.
IF I THINK ABOUT IT NOW,
WELL ...
.....
EVEN THOUGH HE'D FINALLY BECOME A FULLY-FLEDGED MEMBER ...
IT CAN'T BE HELPED ...
EVEN IF IT'S DISAP-POINTING,


HE WAS A LITTLE TOO PURE ...
BUT THOUGH HE'S A COURAGEOUS MAN, WITHOUT FAULT,
HE'LL PUT HIS LIFE ON THE LINE, TOO ...
THAT GUY CAN'T BE CORRUPTED WITH MONEY ...

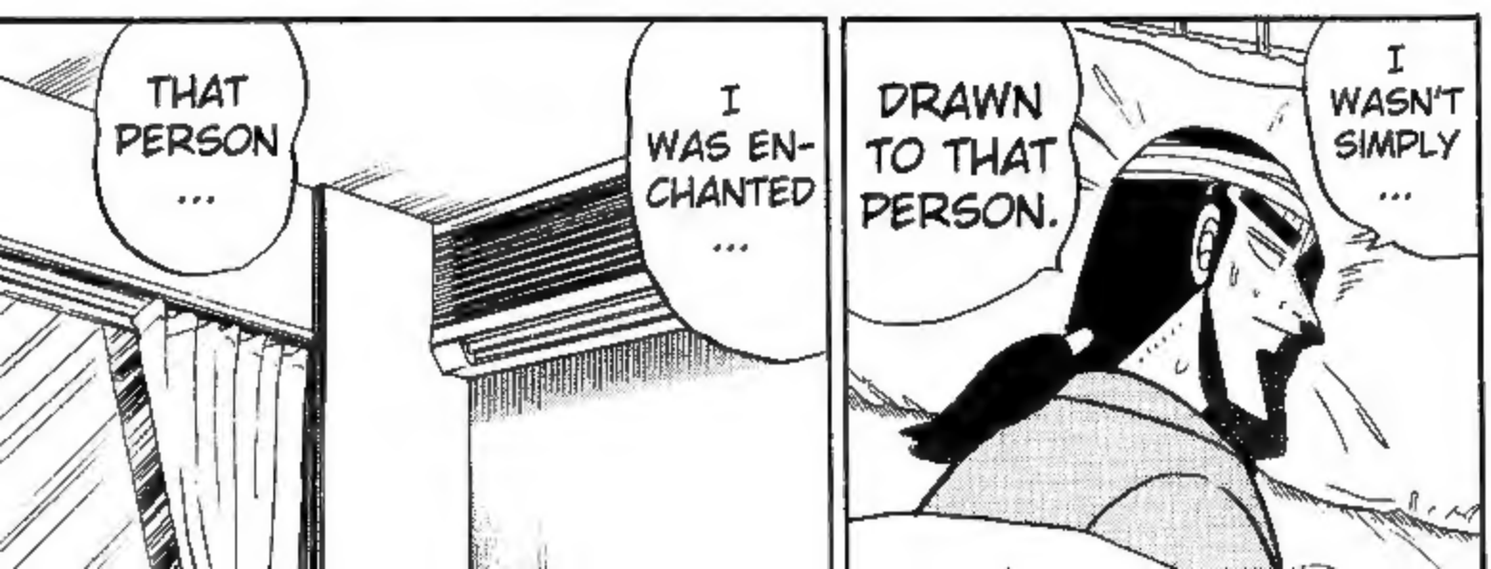

IT'S BETTER TO BE A LITTLE IMPURE.
RATHER ...
BECAUSE OF HIS PURITY, HE WAS AFFLICTED BY THE KAMUIS' POISON ...
YEAH ...
PURE...?

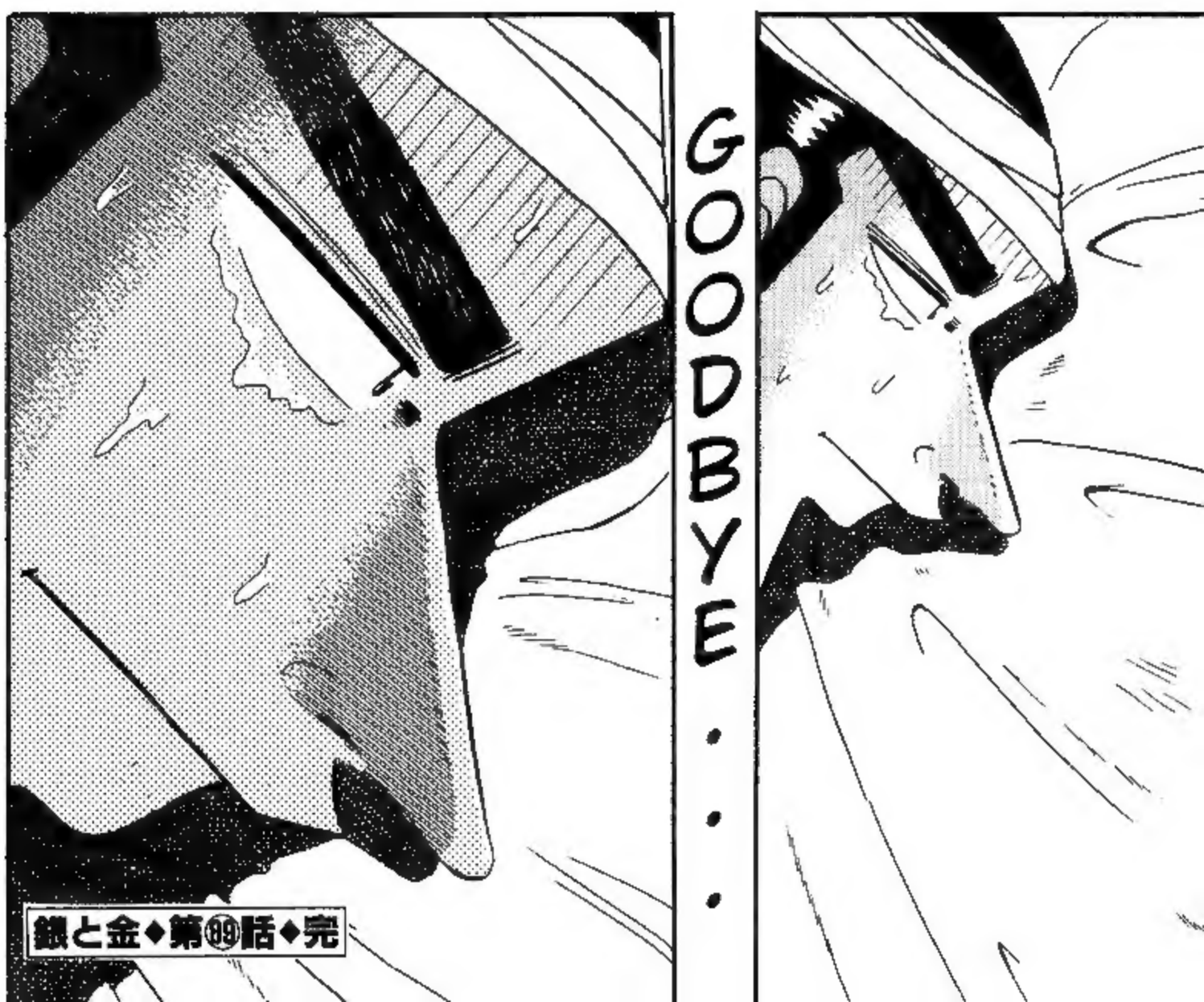
WAS TOO NAIVE ...
HE ...
AS FOR THIS RETIREMENT, THAT MAN'S VIRTUES, HIS ADVANTAGES BACKFIRED.
EVEN IF THEY FACE INNER CONTRA-DICTIONS,
A PERSON WHO'S A LITTLE BIT GREEDY IS BETTER.
THEIR GREED MIGHT PULL THEM THE REST OF THE WAY ...

ゴロ…
MORITA-KUN, IS THIS OKAY...?
REALLY...?
THIS MIGHT BE GOOD...!
ON THE CONTRARY,
HOW DO I PUT THIS ...
BUT ...
.....
IT WAS A CLEAN CUT...!
YOU LEFT THAT WORLD!

YOU'LL MEET SOMEONE LIKE GIN-SAN AGAIN...!
SOMEONE WILL DRAW YOU IN!
ONCE AGAIN, DEFINITELY ...
YOU'LL DEFINITELY BE SUCCESSFUL ...
EVEN WHEN YOU DO OTHER THINGS, MORITA-KUN,

EH...?
THAT WON'T HAPPEN ...
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE ...


THAT PERSON ...
I WAS EN-CHANTED ...
DRAWN TO THAT PERSON.
I WASN'T SIMPLY ...



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"I FEEL LIKE THE CITY ITSELF IS BEATING ME DOWN..."

GOODBYE, MORITA.
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WELL, IT IS **GIN** TO KIN AFTER ALL.
YOU WERE JUST A SECONDARY PROTAGONIST.

GINJI, YOUR ROSES WEREN'T GOOD ENOUGH
TO KEEP HIM AROUND. STEP UP YOUR GAME.

TRANSLATIONS/CLEANING: TEABUN
CLEANING/TYPESETTING/PROOFING: XA